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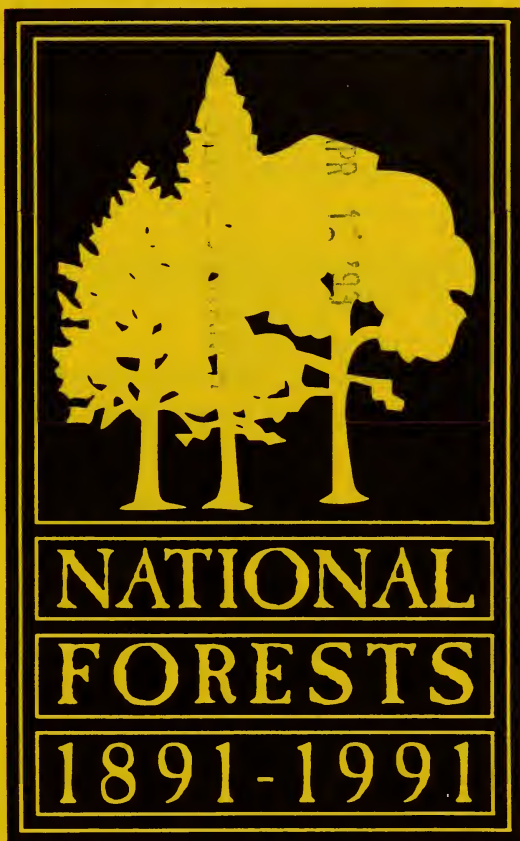
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1991 Schedule of Events

Petersburg Ranger District



Celebrate

100 Years of Conservation

Back to the Forest in 1991

MAY

May 17 *Open House*
1-4 pm
Join Smokey and Woodsy at the Petersburg Ranger District Office.

May 18 *National Forest Booth on Main Street*
10 am-2 pm
Watch for it.

JUNE

June 8 *Muskeg Magic*
10 am & 2 pm
Walk out the scenic Fredrick Point boardwalk and enjoy the beauty of the muskeg as you learn about this unique ecosystem. Gather at the head of the boardwalk at 10:00 or 2:00.

June 10-16 *Book display at the Petersburg Library* featuring the resources and history of Federal lands.

June 15 *Back to the Forest bus trip*
9 am-1 pm
Meet in the parking lot behind the Post Office for a trip to the Tongass National Forest. Stops at a Three Lakes Road overlook, the Ohmer Creek trail, and the Blind River Rapids trail. Enjoy your Forest in the company of friends and see what there is to do in America's great outdoors. (*No lunch provided*)

JULY

July 4 *Open house on the M/V Chugach*
11 am-2 pm
Learn about this historic vessel and others like it.

July 6 *For the Birds*
6 am
Take a bird walk from Sandy Beach to the Petersburg harbor. Bring your field glasses and be prepared to check out the beach. Return rides to Sandy Beach provided.

July 13 *Muskeg Magic at Blind River Rapids*
10 am
Meet at the Blind River Rapids parking lot for a gentle walk on a boardwalk across the muskeg to the Rapids (about ½ mile round trip). A Forest Service interpreter will be with you to answer your questions.

July 27 *Muskeg Magic at Blind River Rapids*
10 am
Meet at the Blind River Rapids parking lot for a gentle walk on a boardwalk across the muskeg to the Rapids (about ½ mile round trip). A Forest Service interpreter will be with you to answer your questions. The humpies should be running in the Slough.

AUGUST

- August 3** *Three Lakes Trail Dedication*
10 am-2 pm
Ribbon cutting ceremony at the Crane Lake trailhead on the Three Lakes Loop Road at 10 am followed by an "open trail." Start at the Crane Lake trailhead and plan on a moderate hike of up to 4 miles. There will be several places along the way to stop and listen to descriptions of the area's history; fish, wildlife, and plants; and activities.
- August 10** *Culturally Speaking*
8-11 am
Hear about the early days in southeast Alaska as you visit Petersburg's own petroglyphs. Meet at Sandy Beach and be prepared to walk the beach.
- August 24** *Muskeg Magic at Blind River Rapids*
10 am
Meet at the Blind River Rapids parking lot for a gentle walk on a boardwalk across the muskeg to the Rapids (about ½ mile round trip). A Forest Service interpreter will be with you to answer your questions.

For more information about any of the Centennial activities, call Mary Hansen or Georgia McKibben at 772-3871.

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We're celebrating a birthday and hereby invite you to the party! Conservation in America is 100 years old this year. The first Forest Reserves were set aside in 1891, starting a national policy of conserving lands for public use and enjoyment. Thanks to that policy, you're part owner of millions of acres of forests, grasslands, mountains, rivers, and even a glacier here and there!

You're invited **back to the forest** to enjoy your lands and some of the many opportunities they offer. The Petersburg District is planning a number of easy nature walks throughout the summer. There'll also be a bus tour to showcase your Forest during National Forest Week. Visit the *MV Chugach* and see how a boat fits into forest management. Pick up a good book and read about area history or get more ideas about ways to enjoy America's great outdoors.

One of the really great things about the National Forests is that they're always open. If the planned activities don't fit your schedule, you can still enjoy the Tongass. There are trails to lakes, saltwater, streams, and mountain tops. There are picnic areas and swimming holes. There are campgrounds and cabins. There's hunting, fishing, hiking, driving, boating, wildlife watching, picture taking...the list goes on and on. Make this summer the year you get reacquainted with the wildlands in your back yard!

Here on Mitkof Island, improved trails lead from roads to Blind River Rapids; a swan observatory; Manmade Hole, Ohmer Creek (wheelchair accessible this summer); Sand, Hill, and Crane Lakes; and Raven's Roost cabin. You can camp (and fish) at Ohmer Creek. You can picnic at Blind Slough recreation area. You can picnic and fish at Manmade Hole. You can drive the Three Lakes Loop Road or the Woodpecker Road. If you're adventurous, you can hike cross country up Crystal Mountain from the Snake Ridge Road.

A short boat ride across the Narrows will put you at the start of trails leading to the top of Petersburg Mountain (3¾ miles) or through the Petersburg Creek-Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness to Petersburg Lake (10½ miles).

You can find out more about any of these trails or facilities by stopping in at the Petersburg District office, above the Post Office.



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